UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 6/2/67

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EDWARD REID
FORTHCOMING BOOK
CONCERNING ORGANIZED CRIME

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

By memorandum dated May 15, 1967, Mr. Rosen advised Mr. DeLoach that Ed Reid, a former newspaperman, has prepared a manuscript for a new book entitled "Jungle, USA" dealing with organized crime. The manuscript includes information concerning an alleged meeting near New Orleans in September, 1963, at which La Cosa Nostra boss Carlos Marcello is supposed to have said that in order to "get" Bobby Kennedy it would be necessary to kill President Kennedy. Reid's manuscript reflects that several days later, one of the persons who attended this meeting was interviewed by Agents of our Los Angeles Office and related to them what he had heard.

(Regarding the above, the Los Angeles Office has advised that apparently this reference in Reid's manuscript relates to an interview of Edward Nicholas Becker, a private investigator, by two Agents of the Los Angeles Office in connection with the Billy Sol Estes case. During this interview--which was conducted in November, 1962, not in September, 1963, as Reid's manuscript indicates--mention was made of Carlos Marcello, but not in the context described by Reid. In fact, there was no discussion involving the then Attorney General Kennedy or an assassination. Reid has refused to confirm or deny that Becker was the source of his information regarding Carlos Marcello; however, he has been firmly told that no such information as described in his manuscript was furnished to Agents of the Los Angeles Office. Nonetheless, Reid has said he intends to leave this false material in his book.)

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Reid is the author of "Mafia" which was published by Random House in 1952 and co-author of "The Green Felt Jungle," a book about Las Vegas which was published by Trident Press in 1963.

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RE: EDWARD REID

Through its contacts in New York publishing circles, the New York Office has determined that Reid's new book, "Jungle, USA", will be published by Trident Press. The New York Office is following this matter closely and, in addition to ascertaining the proposed publication date, will attempt to obtain a set of the proofs or an advance copy of the book.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.